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## VIA E-FILE

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor 500 E. Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-0570 <u>PUC@state.sd.us</u>

## Re: Network Innovations, LLC d/b/a NITEL (Docket No. TC08-111) <u>Notification of Acquisition of Hypercore Networks Inc.</u>

Dear Sir or Madam:

Network Innovations, LLC (formerly Network Innovations, Inc.) d/b/a NITEL (Docket No. TC08-111) ("NITEL") and Hypercore Networks Inc. ("Hypercore"), through their undersigned counsel and pursuant to Section 49-31-20 of the South Dakota Codified Laws,<sup>1</sup> hereby notifies the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") that, effective as of July 8, 2022, NITEL's parent company, NI TopCo, Inc. ("NI TopCo"), has acquired control of Hypercore – a provider of resold Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol ("I-VoIP") services in South Dakota. As a result of the acquisition, Hypercore has ceased providing resold I-VoIP services in South Dakota, which are now being provided by NITEL.

On July 8, 2022, NITEL's parent company, NI TopCo, acquired Hypercore – including both Hypercore's assets used to provide resold I-VoIP services as well as its customer base in South Dakota. As a result of the acquisition, Hypercore is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of NI TopCo, and is no longer providing resold I-VoIP services in South Dakota. Instead, as a result of the acquisition, NITEL is now providing Hypercore's resold I-VoIP services to Hypercore's former customers. Prior to the closing of the acquisition, all of Hypercore's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 49-31-20 ("Any telecommunications company that holds a certificate of authority to operate in this state shall notify the commission of any consolidation or merger or transfer of stock or other ownership interests that will result in a different person then owning more than fifty percent of the company's stock or ownership interests.").

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customers in South Dakota were provided with written notification of NITEL's acquisition of Hypercore and the continuance of Hypercore's resold I-VoIP services by NITEL.

NITEL and Hypercore request that the Commission transfer Hypercore's I-VoIP registration to NITEL to reflect that: (1) Hypercore has been acquired by NITEL's parent company, NI TopCo; (2) Hypercore has ceased providing I-VoIP services in South Dakota; and (3) NITEL is now providing the resold I-VoIP services in South Dakota formerly provided by Hypercore. NITEL and Hypercore also request that the Commission update its databases to reflect NITEL's contact information with respect to any matters involving Hypercore or its I-VoIP operations in South Dakota (including NITEL's assumption of those operations) as follows:

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, or require any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

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